REGISTER OF
CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	20 July 1998
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Blenheim
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Untitled
Other Known Titles:	Letter marked 3/8 (Exhibit 70)
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Letter
Country of Origin:	Not Applicable
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Not Applicable	Running time:
Trailers:		Running time:
		Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

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Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on Not Applicable

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The untitled letter, also known as *Letter marked 3/8 (Exhibit 70)*, is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is an untitled letter typed on one sheet of paper.

The letter promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes, deeming the publication objectionable.

The letter encourages the sexually motivated trade in images of boys and girls. The author invites the recipient to trade video recordings and photographs of children, particularly boys. The author specifically requests video recordings of naked boys, including those featuring nude bathing and shower scenes. References to the sexual excitement of the author add to the sexual nature of the letter.

The publication has been found to promote and support an activity listed in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. This provision overrides s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (the NZBR Act) because it is a deeming provision which cannot be given a meaning that is consistent with the rights and freedoms set out in that section of the NZBR Act.

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